

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAIN PASSENGER SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 8:45 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

St. Louis letter in our next.

Colored work a specialty at this office.

The San Marcos Merchants' Exchange meets next Monday.

That Blanco injunction suit is postponed till the 15th or 20th inst.

The Hook and Ladder boys had a practice last Friday.

See picnic announcement of Hook and Ladder Co.

The collections of subscriptions of stock in the San Marcos Summer Institute are coming in freely.

The report of the commencement of Science Hall Home Institute will appear in our next.

Butter and eggs on ice at HINZIE'S.

Refrigerators, first-class, at HINZIE'S.

Ladies' broad-brim hats at 25 cents. DAILEY & BRO.

Call and see specimens of job printing at this office.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZIE'S.

Laws, piques etc., at 10 cts. and up. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon and hams, at M. HINZIE'S.

We are offering bargains in laws, gingham and worsted goods. Call and see us. DAILEY & BRO.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at M. HINZIE'S.

A new line of ladies' hats at DAILEY & BRO'S.

Mr. Bryant sweetly remembered us with a "chunk" of his finest honey.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

Remember—we are offering clothing and summer hats at a reduced price. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

Just received, carload Royal Patent and Eagle Steam Flour pronounced to be the best in the market at M. HINZIE'S.

Black-eyed peas at Fromme's drugstore.

La. molasses, great reduction in price at McALLISTER'S.

Just opened—cheap laws, prints, domestics, gingham, ladies' gloves, etc. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

WANTED.—Fifty head stock-cattle, on khaki. M. M. ECHOLS.

Jun 11-4w Fischer's Store.

We are now in receipt of a part car-load of strictly first-class flour—excellent by none which we will sell under a strict guarantee. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

For Sale.

First class Phonograph for sale cheap. Trial allowed. Apply to Mrs. Geo. Briggs. 18 4t

Wanted to Buy

1000 Tin Lard Buckets with Lids. HARDY & CO.

June 18-4t

Single copies of the Daily St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat, New York Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this office.

Carload of the justly celebrated Moline Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms.

WM. GRESER, Agent.

Bees and Honey!

We are prepared to furnish bee fixtures, hives and queen bees. Honey at 8 and 10 cents per pound. J. M. KILLGORE & CO.

Je 25-2w.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must thereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

For Rent

Business house on East side of Public Square. Might serve also for dwelling for small family. Inquire at Free Press office.

We have still on hand several copies of our extra containing a description of San Marcos and Hays county, much the fullest, and we believe conceded to be the best and most truthful matter of the kind which has yet appeared. Just the thing to send to answer inquiries from abroad. Single copies five cents.

Firemen's Anniversary Celebration.

The San Marcos Hook and Ladder Co., will celebrate their first anniversary on the 25th day of August by a basket picnic at Riles pasture. There will also be on that day a public installation of officers of the company. We extend to everyone a general invitation and to the Alert Hose Company we extend a "special invitation." Big preparations are being made and a grand time is anticipated by all.

C. H. RAY

WM. TAYLOR

B. F. BLOUNT

CHAS. WITZEL

B. BRYNE

Com of Ar.

IS the Editor of Marketing Stall, Of Winter and Spring, and Summer and Fall;

And is the Editor with which all may prove Economy's worth in the Charter Oak Store.

A Jewel, to save Fuel.

And give the old lady her gruel!

THEODORE HERRING, Agt., San Marcos, Texas.

Our gun club, composed of some leading citizens meet daily to practice trap shooting in anticipation of a match with the New Braunfels club on the G. F. Some good scores are being made. Our report of the shoot of Monday and Tuesday was crowded out. We feel safe in saying they will do better next time.

FOREWARNED, FOREARMED!

The Free School Question Up Again... Don't Forget to Come Out and Vote.

Referring to the call by Mayor Giesen for another election to determine whether our city shall take charge of our Public Schools, and whether they shall be under control of a Board of Trustees to be elected by the people, or of the city Council, we have a few words to say.

There are no doubt not a few of our readers who do not clearly understand why another vote should be required on this question. They know that a vote on the question of turning over the Free Schools to the town was taken in April last and decided in the affirmative by a majority of 67 votes out of 265, and will naturally want to know why it is now to be repeated. This information, in justice to the friends of separate free schools, we now propose to give, from which it will be apparent that they are not to blame for the muddle which has since been gratuitously raised on the subject, nor for any further trouble which may result.

The petition presented to Mayor Cook in April was made out in strict accordance with the law of 1879, and asked him, in the language of said law, to order an election to determine whether our town "shall acquire the exclusive control of all the public free schools and public institutions of learning within the corporate limits of said city, and whether the same shall be under the control of a Board of Trustees or of the Council of said city."

It will be observed that there are two clauses in the above, both of which were included in the petition, in the exact language of the law, yet Mayor Cook absolutely and peremptorily refused to include the last clause in ordering the election, so that a vote as to whether the schools should be under the control of a Board of Trustees or of the town Council, could not be taken. The act of 1879 provided that any town in the State could take action under it. There was a later act passed in 1883, applying exclusively to towns incorporated as cities, which authorized the Council to appoint school trustees, and Mayor Cook informs us he was guided by this latter act, and regarded it as superfluous to submit that point to a vote. But as we were not then incorporated as a city, and so were not under that act at all, we cannot see any legal basis for his course. All that he had to do was to order a vote on both clauses of the petition, and in accordance with the law governing the case, viz: the act of 1879. It is true, however, as we believe, he was supported in his view by Judge Fisher, the present city attorney. Of their motives we shall not assume to judge; we are merely stating what we understand to be their acts in regard to this matter.

To proceed with our story. Some months later, by action of the city Council, our town was incorporated as a city, and Judge Fisher was appointed city attorney. Now the people having voted that the corporation take charge of our public schools, and having adopted a city charter, Mayor Cook's law of 1883 came into force, and it would have seemed conferred the clear power on the Council to appoint school trustees. But the city attorney now held that the entire action with respect to starting independent free schools was illegal. The question was referred to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, B. M. Baker, who rendered the following decision:

1. The act approved April 14, 1883, applies only to such towns or cities as were incorporated as towns or cities of 1000 or more inhabitants.

2. The act approved April 3, 1879, applies to all cities and towns in the State.

3. The failure to submit the question whether the schools should be under the control of a board of trustees, or under the control of the council or board of aldermen, rendered the election illegal.

The first clause of the above it will be seen nullifies Mayor Cook's idea that the act of '83 was operative at the time he was asked to order a vote. The second clause shows that the act of 1879 was in force, as we have stated. The third clause shows that the failure to submit the question whether the schools should be under the control of a board of trustees or the Council is the ground taken by the Superintendent for declaring the election illegal, and this failure, as we have shown, was simply and solely because of the refusal of Mayor Cook to order or allow it to be submitted.

We do not know upon what statement of facts the question was submitted to the superintendent, or whether he was even informed that our town was now organized as a city. Suffice it to say, that it has been thought best to re-submit the matter to the people just as it would have been done before, had not Mayor Cook forbidden it as respects the last clause. It may avoid further quibbling, and besides the election of trustees, which will probably be the result, is what we think to be preferred.

We hear it said by some of the friends of the old order of things that there will be no further opposition to organizing independent free schools at the coming election. Now this may be the case. It may be that all the hindrances and hostility the movement has encountered may mean "nothing in particular." And then again there may mean a good deal. It may be that it is being calculated that the interest has so far abated, that at a busy time like the present, the friends of the movement may let it go by default, or be made to succumb to a quiet, united opposition. We want them to take no risks in a matter of so much importance. Shall they who made all this confusion, and the trouble of another election necessary, be allowed to profit by their own wrong? We think that such will not be the spirit manifested by the friends of independent free schools, but that they will rally on Tuesday next, and so effectively lift that great cause out of the rut of class interest to the broad place of the general good.

The Glorious Fourth.

Inasmuch as we are to have no celebration at San Marcos—more the pity—our people can take their choice about going to other points to celebrate. The people of Wimberly will celebrate in good style, and will have the first claim upon us. To such as want to go further, San Antonio offers a most attractive "fall-of-fare."

The fine rains since our last have been a grand departure from a repetition of last season, and will insure one of the big crops of Texas.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas, at the law office in the new building, up stairs, Office in Woody new building, up stairs, San Marcos.

Preaching at the Christian church next Lord's day. Subjects as follows: 11 a. m. "The Lord's Prayer." 3:30 p. m. "The World Moves."

INDEPENDENCE BELL.

JULY 4, 1776.

[When it became certain that independence would be declared by Congress, it was determined to announce it by ringing the old State House Bell, whose motto was: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, to all the inhabitants thereof." The old bellman accordingly posted his grandson at the door of the hall to await the announcement of the doorkeeper. At the word, the little patriot scion rushed out and throwing up his hands shouted: Ring! Ring! Ring!]

—This, we need hardly say, was the Old Liberty Bell whose fame has been so renewed and extended by its visit to the New Orleans Exposition.—Ed. Free Press.]

There was tumult in the city. In the quiet old Quaker town, And the streets were rife with people Facing restless up and down; People gathering at the corners, Where they whispered each to each, And the sweet sound on their temples With the earnestness of speech.

As the bleak Atlantic currents Lash the wild Newfoundland shore, So they beat against the State House, So they surged against the door; And the mingling of their voices Made a harmony profound, Till the quiet street of Chestnut Was all turbulent with sound.

"Will they do it?" "Dare they do it?" "Who is speaking?" "What's the news?" "What of Adams?" "What of Sherman?" "Oh, God grant they won't refuse!" "Make some way there!" "Let me nearer!" "I am stifling!" "Stifle, then!" "When a nation's life is at hazard, We've no time to think of men!"

So they surged against the State House, While all solemnly inside Sat the "Continental Congress," Truth and reason for their guide, O'er a simple scroll debating, Which, though simple it might be, Yet should shake the cliffs of England With the thunders of the free.

Far aloft in that high steeple Sat the bellman, old and gray; And his iron-accepted away, So hasty with one hand ready On the clapper of the bell, When his eye should catch the signal, The long-expected news to tell.

Seel! seel! The dense crowd quivers "Through all its lengthy line, As the boy beside the portal Hastens forth to give the sign! With his little hands uplifted, Breezes dallying with his hair, Hark! with deep, clear intonation, Breaks his young voice on the air.

Hushed the people's swelling murmur, List the boy's shrill joys cry— "Ring!" he shouts, "ring, grandpapa, Ring, oh, ring for Liberty!" Quickly, at the given signal, The old bellman lifts his hand, Forth he sends the good news, making Iron music through the land.

How they shouted! What rejoicing! How the old bell shook the air, Till the clang of Freedom ruffled The calm-gliding Delaware! How the bonfires and the torches Illumed the night's repose, And from the flames, like fabled Phoenix, Free Liberty arose!

That old bell now is silent, All hushed its iron tongue; But the spirit it awakened Still is living—ever young; And when we greet the smiling sunlight On the Fourth of each July, We will never forget the bellman Who betwixt the earth and sky, Rang out our INDEPENDENCE, Which, please God, shall never die! —ANON.

We take pleasure in commending the Ice Cream and Confectionery store of McLellan & Gaenger, east side plaza. Just opened, give them a call.

The New Ice Cream Parlor and confectionery store of McLellan & Gaenger is a model of taste and neatness, and it appoints its admirers in all respects. Their cream is as good as can be made. We have never tried better. East side plaza, near northeast corner.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that McLellan & Gaenger make the best ice-cream and do not mean to keep their "light under a bushel." We speak advisedly—from experience.

The San Marcos Valley Baptist Association will meet in this place in July.

CORRECTION.—The comparison of tax values published in our last was for the corporation of San Marcos, instead of Hays Co., as was stated. The increase of \$111,770 in one year is certainly quite creditable.

Science Hall.

SCIENCE HALL, TEXAS, June 24, 1885. ED. FREE PRESS: On the 18th and 19th inst. Science Hall Institute held one of the grandest concerts that has ever been held here. It was a complete success. The hall was filled to overflowing, and there was perfect order both nights. Would like to describe the exercises, but their extreme length precludes the possibility. The concert was a success and highly creditable to all concerned.

PERSONAL.

Major Donalson is visiting at Blanco.

Gen. N. G. Shelley was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Sample, nee Miss Jessie Lyell, is visiting at this place.

Jerome Horn's new mansion is nearing completion.

Our friend J. M. Black was in town last Sunday.

Capt. J. V. Hutchins had a severe attack of cholera morbus Tuesday.

T. Holten, editor of the Fredericksburg Wochenblatt, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Julia Smithers of Coronado Institute, went last week on a visit to Georgetown.

B. W. Smith, sen., is visiting at his ante-Texas home, Americus, Ga. He will return soon.

Hon. Lucius Brown, a prominent and wealthy lawyer of Helena, Kansas, is making arrangements to move to this place.

One of the handsomest improvements about our town is the new residence of Mr. Pettit. Both the plan and workmanship show to advantage.

Charley Hutchings paid two cents back taxes on his city property the other day with three cents interest. This looks like usury.

"Old Standy" alias Alex McGeehee and "Bill" Jackson were seen in town this week while their herd was browsing the succulent herbage on the boulevards of Kyle.

Jack Taylor, who has for some time resided with his aunt, Mrs. Sanders, in this place, and was among the best scholars at the institute, has gone home to Hot Springs, Ark., his father being a prominent physician of that place.

Geo. R. Boren, late of Fort Smith, Ark., is here with his family for his health, and keeps a refreshment stand on the west side of the square. He went first to San Antonio, but likes this place much better, and is recommending it to his friends.

We noticed on our streets the first of the week, our amiable young friend Miss Amelia Henne, of New Braunfels, formerly a resident of this place, where she made many friends.

Thanks to Mr. C. P. Collins for a nice lot of extra fine Irish potatoes. It used to be said at the North that they were "no good" down South, but it would be difficult to find a larger yield or a better article anywhere than we have had this season in Texas.

Phil. Springer and Rice Rigby who are "on the trail" were in town a day or two this week. Rigby while congratulating himself as being the only one who escaped the chills was suddenly seized with a regular "cough-rattle." The country about Columbus is "malarious." The herd with Wm. Jackson in charge is now at Kyle, and will start forward to-day or to-morrow.

A young man named Chas. Sanderson, who has been residing at Mr. O'Kelly's since last fall, was drowned on Thursday last at the Horton water hole in the Blanco. He and Mr. O'Kelly's son had gone in bathing. After a short time Sanderson was seen to sink in about twelve feet of water. Young O'Kelly was some distance off and was unable to render him any assistance. It is supposed he was taken with cramping. The body was recovered after three hours diving and dragging.

Deceased was the only survivor of a family of four who moved to this section from Mississippi last fall, the rest having died from sudden causes. He was twenty-one years of age and expected to return to Mississippi in a few days.

Excursion Personal.

At Huntsville we made a pleasant call on Rev. W. L. Kennedy and family. They did not like Mississippi and were glad to return to Texas. He is pastor of the Presbyterian church and also Chaplain to the Penitentiary, and is especially interested in his work in the latter capacity. We trust he may be the means of doing much good, and that he may prosper therein.

We called to see Dr. Baldwin, but he had just left for the North. We however had a pleasant chat with Mrs. B. Miss Corn is at Chicago. The family have a very nice home in the suburbs of Huntsville.

Prof. H. Carr Pritchett also had left town. Rev. Dr. John, formerly editor of the Galveston Christian Advocate, is pastor of the Methodist church at Huntsville. We meant to call on him, but time failed us.

We met at the penitentiary, Ben McCulloch, Jr., assistant superintendent, a son, we believe, of Gen. H. E. McCulloch, of Seguin.

At Houston we met a Navasota man who informed us that R. L. Love is railroad agent there, and that J. R. Kennard, jr., is working in a printing office somewhere out in the Panhandle.

At Giddings we met Jno. F. Crowe, Esq., who resided at San Marcos during a part of 1874 and 75. He is County Judge, has served several terms as such, and we were told he much respected and prospering financially.

It will be recollected that Col. Jno. A. Polk, the veteran hotel-keeper, went from San Marcos to Giddings. He died there a couple of years since. His son is now at La Grange. Otto Gramm and family have gone to Brenham. Mrs. Schriver and her two young children, Luther and "Giddy", we found living comfortably at Giddings. Her two other boys are dead. Apropos, we will state that we were assured that the newspaper account of the killing of one of these boys, (John Owens) a year or so since by Sheriff Brown of the county was grossly false, that John was not, as intimated, seeking to waylay the sheriff or steal his horse, but was himself unsuspectingly inveigled and assassinated. In proof, Brown and family left immediately after the murder, and have absented themselves from time to time since the case has not yet come to trial. He also lost his election and is now under the ban of public sentiment that he does not consider it "healthy" to remain long at a time in the county. The trial, if it should ever come off, will be apt to show the matter up in a new light, and demonstrate that John Owens was "more sinned against than sinning."

Mr. McKinney, a clever gentleman, keeps the Southern Hotel at Giddings. We commend his house.

Texas Patents.

S. A. Haselme & Bro., Patent Solicitors, Springfield Mo., send us the following list of Patents which were issued to citizens of Texas during the past week:

R. Clark, Dallas, four tin. D. Dwyer, Marshall, life-boat. W. Elliott, Galveston, swing. T. Evans, Evergreen, coffee-mill. J. Hogue, Galveston, car-coupling. L. Roberts, Kentucky, door, pocket. E. Turner, Fort Worth, whip and stirrup.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 7th day of July, A. D. 1885, an election will be held in the City of San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, at the Court House of said County, to decide by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors of said City, at such election, whether said City shall acquire the exclusive control of all the public free schools and public institutions of learning within the corporate limits of said City, and whether the same shall be under the control of a Board of Trustees or of the Council of said City.

Given under my hand this 25th day of June, A. D. 1885.

WM. GIESER, Mayor of the City of San Marcos.

"SEEING IS BELIEVING."

Nowadays everybody has got into the habit of "Spinning Big Yarns" in the Newspapers in reference to their prices on their goods. One will go as far as to fairly give an article away in order to get you to buy another article.

This is all very fine as far as it goes. But you can rest assured that indirectly you pay for all you can get on the so-called "gratis principle." Look well into this matter. "A word to the Wise is Sufficient." Again we repeat, "seeing is believing." The New Firm of

B. F. Blount & Co., Iglehart Building

Respectfully invite you to "see" their fresh stock of Groceries, examine thoroughly their prices, and will guarantee you will not only believe but in fact you will feel positive you can do better at their house than anywhere else. ju 11

B. F. BLOUNT & CO.

G. W. DONALSON & CO.,

—AGENTS FOR—

Pratt's Gins, Feeders,

Condensers and Presses

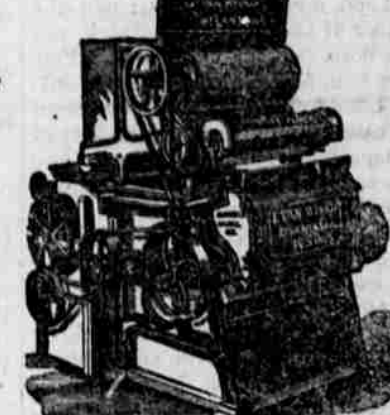
Van Winkler

Gin Feeders,

Condensers & Presses.

"Common Sense" Engines

and Machinery.



Victor Platform Scales.

Planet Jr., Horse Hoes

and Cultivators.

"Boss" Cotton Planter.

"Cooper" Wagons.

"Buck's Brilliant" Stoves.

Dealers in Hardware, Stoves, Tinware and House Furnishing Goods.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

The Leading Grocery House.

H. HARDY & CO.,

Have recently Come to the Front with a Full Line of Well Selected

STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES.

Our stock is always kept complete, and buying from first hands for cash enables us to sell at Rock Bottom Prices.

You will be surprised to find out how much you will gain by calling on us and getting our prices.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE.

H. Hardy & Co., will be found near the Southeast Corner of the Public Square, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. ju 29 3m

N. A. Rice,

Photographer, San Marcos, next door South of Hinzie's store. Mr. Rice is prepared to do work in any size or style desired, and will for a short time give you first-class work at the following prices: Cabinet Photos, \$4 per doz; \$2.50 per half doz; \$1.50 per quarter doz. Card Photos, \$2.50 per doz; \$1.50 per half doz; \$1 per quarter doz. Gems, Bon-Tons, 4 for 50c. 4 French Pearls for 25c. One Gun, \$2.10, neatly bound, \$1.25. Baby pictures made by the instantaneous process.

I Am Agent For

McCormick self binder, Mowers etc, Jackson wagons

Deer plow

Caddy bulky plows

Standard cultivators

Bookwalter hay rakes

Wheeler Thrashers

and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms. WM. GIESER.

BUSINESS CARDS.

D. A. GLOVER, W. D. WOOD, PRESIDENT, VICE PRES.

TOM H. GLOVER, CASHIER.

THE NATIONAL BANK

OF SAN MARCOS.

Capital Paid Up \$50,000.

Authorized Capital, \$150,000.

A General Banking Business Transacted. Accounts of Merchants, Firms and Individuals solicited. DIRECTORS.